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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/328,415, filed June 9, 1999.

For (Title): THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE
SAME

By (Inventors): Yoshitaka SASAKI

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:

- a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatting or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatting or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

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ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

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BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	6 - 20	= *0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= *0
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3. Check No. 125619 in the amount of \$740 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

4. Cancel claims 1-25 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/328,415 filed June 9, 1999. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. Formal drawings (Figs. 1-22) are attached.
 Use Figure _____ for front page of Publication.

7. Priority of foreign application(s) No. 10-163676 filed June 11, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
 The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/328,415 on August 5, 1999.
 A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____

9. The prior application is assigned of record to TDK Corporation recorded at Reel 010025, Frame 0415.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

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11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.

12. An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

13. Small entity status:
 a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
 b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

14. Other: _____

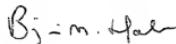
15. This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

16. The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, and Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565.
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 b. Since the power does not appear in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney, a substitute Power of Attorney is also attached.

17. Address all future communications to:

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